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**Advisory Action
Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief**

Application No. 09/115,589	Applicant(s) VAN EYK ET AL.
Examiner Christina Borgeest	Art Unit 1649

--The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

THE REPLY FILED 15 September 2006 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.

1. The reply was filed after a final rejection, but prior to or on the same day as filing a Notice of Appeal. To avoid abandonment of this application, applicant must timely file one of the following replies: (1) an amendment, affidavit, or other evidence, which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee) in compliance with 37 CFR 41.31; or (3) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114. The reply must be filed within one of the following time periods:

- a) The period for reply expires _____ months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
 b) The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.

Examiner Note: If box 1 is checked, check either box (a) or (b). ONLY CHECK BOX (b) WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

NOTICE OF APPEAL

2. The Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. A brief in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37 must be filed within two months of the date of filing the Notice of Appeal (37 CFR 41.37(a)), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 41.37(e)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal. Since a Notice of Appeal has been filed, any reply must be filed within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 41.37(a).

AMENDMENTS

3. The proposed amendment(s) filed after a final rejection, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because
 (a) They raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
 (b) They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE below);
 (c) They are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
 (d) They present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____. (See 37 CFR 1.116 and 41.33(a)).

4. The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. See attached Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (PTOL-324).
 5. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
 6. Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).

7. For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): a) will not be entered, or b) will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

Claim(s) allowed: _____.

Claim(s) objected to: _____.

Claim(s) rejected: 80-84 and 87-98.

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.

AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER EVIDENCE

8. The affidavit or other evidence filed after a final action, but before or on the date of filing a Notice of Appeal will not be entered because applicant failed to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why the affidavit or other evidence is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 1.116(e).
 9. The affidavit or other evidence filed after the date of filing a Notice of Appeal, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because the affidavit or other evidence failed to overcome all rejections under appeal and/or appellant fails to provide a showing a good and sufficient reasons why it is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 41.33(d)(1).

10. The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER

11. The request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because:
See Continuation Sheet.
 12. Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s). (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s). _____
 13. Other: _____.

Continuation of 11. does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: Applicants submitted evidence in the form of Simpson et al. (J. App. Physiol. 2000 88: 753-760) that the MAb 31-35 does not detect the 17.5 kDa peptide fragment of skeletal TnI indicative of skeletal muscle damage, thus showing that the assay taught by Takahashi et al. is not enabling for detecting a skeletal TnI peptide fragment as required in order to be anticipatory reference under 35 U.S.C. 102 and establishes the missing descriptive matter in Takahashi. This argument is not persuasive because the claims recite "detection of a covalent or non-covalent complex of at least a peptide fragment of a myofilament protein and an intact myofilament protein" in the alternative, which reads on the full length peptide. In addition, the Simpson et al. reference supports the art rejections over Takahashi because Takahashi teaches the MAb 31-35 antibody, which the Simpson et al. reference confirms binds to the covalent complex: (see p. 756, left column, 2nd paragraph), "In contrast, the binding of this [MAb 31-35] antibody to the 42-kDa covalent complex indicates that this complex contains TnI with an intact COOH terminus", thus Simpson et al. provide support that the Takahashi reference is enabling for detecting a covalent complex as is recited in the claims. Furthermore, the claims are not commensurate in scope with the Simpson et al. reference, which teaches the binding of TnI and TnT fragments, not all of the fragments recited in the claims (i.e., skeletal myosin light chain 1 peptide fragment, skeletal troponin C peptide fragment and skeletal alpha-actin peptide fragment). Finally, as indicated in the interview summary (mailed 21 September 2006 with the 1st Advisory Action), Examiner Kemmerer suggested that Applicants might consider reciting the specific antibody they used in the claims, which would distinguish over Takahashi.



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